

77 Leaze Street  
Edin. 13 June 1872

My Dear Sir

I cabled you today  
that the extent of the Spathic  
or containing manganese, & the  
suitability of the Pictou coal for  
Smelting are two all-important  
points. It is strange that  
in the Geological Reports there  
is no analysis <sup>of coal</sup> from this point of  
view.

I have been seriously unwell  
ever since I landed, but have  
made great progress in preparing  
the ground for your fuller reports.

Dr Hunt writes me that by this  
time he will be in St. Bonnaville.  
If you can get a report from him  
it will be invaluable in addition.

Yours most respectfully

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